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SUBJECT: LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: PARIS PRELIMINARY
MEETING

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1. AS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT, EMBOFF TALKED AUGUST 12
TO QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NON-GOVERNMENTAL
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CHRISTIAN GIRARD TO CLARIFY
POINTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PARIS WORKING GROUP MEETING
TO BE HELD IN ADVANCE OF LUCERNE ICRC CONFERENCE ON
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2. GIRARD MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) THE DATE OF THE PARIS TECHNICAL EXPERTS WORKING GROUP MEETING IS FIXED FOR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20. IT WILL LAST ONLY ONE DAY. THE FRENCH, ON AUGUST 12, INVITED REPRESENTATIVES FROM BELGIUM, WEST GERMANY, CANADA, DENMARK, IRELAND, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, THE UK AND THE US. (B) GIRARD STRESSED THAT PARIS PRELIMINARY MEETING WILL BE STRICTLY TECHNICAL IN NATURE AND WILL FOCUS ON SUCH PROBLEMS AS COORDINATING ARMS AND MEDICAL DATA. GIRARD AGREED WITH DEPARTMENT GOAL TO KEEP POLITICS OUT OF THE LUCERNE CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY "TACTICS" DISCUSSED AT THE PARIS WORKING GROUP MEETING WOULD BE TO AGREE ON THE COMMON ATTITUDE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE STRICTLY TECHNICAL CHARACTER OF THE LUCERNE CONFERENCE. STONE

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